

# **MISSOURI VOCATIONAL SPECIAL NEEDS AWARD INFORMATION 2000 – 2001**

## **NOMINATION PROCESS**

In order to nominate someone, you must do the following:

1. Submit a typed application.
2. Include three (3) letters of recommendation.
3. Candidate must be a member of Missouri ACTE/MVSNA or their Missouri ACTE affiliate division. Nominees unrelated to education need to be active in their local school district and community.
4. Should be turned in on or before the deadline.
5. Be able to supply a set of slides if the candidate wins to the awards committee

These awards are presented at MVSNA annual summer conference held in Springfield

## **AWARD CATEGORIES**

1. OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT
  - a) VRE / Counselor
  - b) Basic Skills
  - c) Skills Related
  - d) Vocational Evaluator
2. Teacher of the Year
3. Linda Beachboard Beginning Teacher
4. Commitment to Excellence
5. Direct Support Service
6. Indirect Support Service
7. Distinguished Service for Community Involvement
8. Distinguished Service for Educational Achievement

## **AWARD DESCRIPTIONS**

**Outstanding Achievement awards are given in the following areas:**

**Vocational Resource Educator (VRE) / Counselor  
Basic Skills Educator  
Skill Related Educator  
Vocational Evaluator**

The purpose of these awards is to recognize an individual for an outstanding performance of his/her duties in a particular area. Generally the nominees for the aforementioned awards are nominated within their division of MVSNA but it is not a requirement. Anyone can nominate if they so desire. The requirements to nominate a person in this category include: a typed application, minimum of three (3) typed letters of recommendation, and they must be a member of Missouri ACTE and MVSNA and in before the deadline.

Other Awards are Given For:

**TEACHER OF THE YEAR** – This award is given to an outstanding individual who exemplifies what working with and for special needs students is all about. The nominee must be a member of Missouri ACTE and MVSNA and can be from any division within MVSNA. Teacher of the Year is selected from the eligible candidates nominated from Outstanding Achievement during the current year as well as the previous year. In other words, to nominate Teacher of the Year, candidates first must be nominated in the Outstanding Achievement category.

**INDIRECT SUPPORT SERVICE** – This award is given in recognition of a person who has been beneficial in supporting the special needs students in your program. For example, sending school Learning Disabilities Teacher, High School Counselor, High School Principal, etc. This person cannot be employed as a Vocational Teacher. This category is exempted from the professional organization membership rule. The requirements to

nominate a person in this category include a typed application, three (3) letters of recommendation, and in before the deadline.

**DIRECT SUPPORT SERVICE** – This award is similar to the Indirect Support Service award except it has been designed to recognize individuals who have been supportive of the special needs students within the Vocational School setting who are not vocational special needs instructors. For example: Welding Instructor, Health Occupations Instructor, Director, etc. The requirements to nominate a person in this category include a typed application, a minimum of three (3) letters of recommendation, and they must be a member of Missouri ACTE and their Missouri ACTE affiliate, all of which must be in before the deadline.

**LINDA BEACHBOARD BEGINNING TEACHER** – This award is similar to the Teacher of the Year Award except that it recognizes a first or second year vocational special needs teacher. (The same qualifications apply).

**COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE** – This award is a combination of the “Direct Support Service Award” and the “Linda Beachboard Beginning Teacher Award”. This award recognizes a 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> year vocational teacher, who is not a special needs educator, who is “committed” to working with special populations.

**DISTINGUISHED SERVICE FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT OR EDUCATION ACHIEVEMENT** – This award is in recognition of an individual(s) who had gone above and beyond the call of duty. This could represent a specific cause on behalf of the special needs student, a special program, -- lasting a week, month, semester, year, etc. This person could be a teacher, administrator, congressman, community leader, store manager, etc. Requirements to nominate are a typed application, three (3) letters of recommendation, and mailed in before the deadline.